

RESOLUTION No. 37123

Support entering the Project Development phase of the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project and authorize letter to Metro stating commitment to provide Transportation System Development Charge funds towards the transit project. (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project (Project) plans to bring Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) to a pair of the region's busiest thoroughfares: Powell Boulevard and Division Street between downtown Portland and Gresham, which serve over 18,000 bus riders every weekday; and

WHEREAS, the Project will be designed to create more reliable service and a faster ride for existing and future riders who board buses on the BRT alignment to get to school, home, work, worship, shopping, and services; and

WHEREAS, the Project will connect Southeast Portland and East Portland neighborhoods with employment and educational opportunities at Portland Community College Southeast Campus, Oregon Health and Sciences University, Portland State University, Mt. Hood Community College, South Waterfront, downtown Portland, and the Gresham Vista development site; and

WHEREAS, the Project is a regional partnership among Metro, TriMet, the cities of Portland and Gresham, Multnomah County, and the Oregon Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Project partners initiated the planning phase, led by Metro, to develop a planning vision for future transit service and related investments in the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Project partners have worked with communities along the corridor through broad and inclusive engagement to develop the transit project and action plans for encouraging desired economic development while protecting the qualities that neighborhood residents, workers and customers most enjoy today; and

WHEREAS, the Project Steering Committee of community partners, agency leaders and elected officials has reached consensus on project goals and outcomes and conceptual route alignments to advance for further consideration between downtown Portland and Gresham attached as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, TriMet and Metro are preparing a formal request to seek entry into FTA Project Development under the Small Starts Program for transit projects which includes initiating preliminary engineering, preparing cost estimates, conducting environmental analysis and receiving approvals required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), identifying and adopting a final Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA), and developing a project finance plan and accompanying information for a Small Starts rating; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Small Starts program provides discretionary funding opportunities for transit projects; and

WHEREAS, once in FTA Small Starts Project Development, any project-eligible expenses can be counted as match toward a future federally-funded grant of up to \$75 million; and

WHEREAS, the Project partners expect to meet the required funding for FTA Project Development activities through financial contributions from each agency; and

WHEREAS, the City's Transportation System Development Charge (SDC) fund includes funding for planning, designing and building capacity, increasing infrastructure improvements along SE Division Street such as safer pedestrian crossings, new sidewalks and street lighting, and enhanced traffic signals to accommodate transit service, and the Project is eligible for these SDC funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Portland supports entering the FTA Project Development phase of the Powell-Division Transit and Development Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Portland intends to access Transportation SDC funds through the City's budget process to contribute an estimated \$2 million total towards the Project in Fiscal Years 2015/16 and 2016/17; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Portland authorizes Commissioner Novick to send a letter to Metro stating the City's support for entering FTA Project Development and commitment to budget Transportation SDCs towards the project, attached as Exhibit B; and

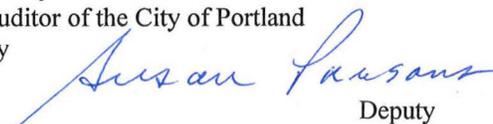
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City staff are directed to prepare an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Metro for the FTA Project Development phase that formalizes the City's scope of services and financial contribution to the Project and present the IGA to City Council this summer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that meaningful public involvement is critical to the success of the project and that the City of Portland looks forward to the Project's continued efforts at engaging diverse and representative community members and businesses to shape a project that meets the needs of transit riders, identifies related transit, roadway and active transportation infrastructure, complements existing neighborhoods, and serves commercial areas, educational institutions, and major destinations.

Adopted by the Council, MAY 13 2015

Commissioner Steve Novick
Prepared by: Jean Senechal Biggs; slg
Date Prepared: May 4, 2015

Mary Hull Caballero
Auditor of the City of Portland
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Deputy

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<p style="text-align: center;">COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p> <p>Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales</p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Novick <i>aw</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <u><i>Mary Hull Caballero</i></u> Deputy</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN:</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU APPROVAL</p> <p>Bureau: Transportation Development, Permitting & Transit Group Manager: Christine Leon Director: <i>aw</i></p> <p>Prepared by: Jean Senechal Biggs: slg Date Prepared: May 4, 2105 Supervisor:</p>	
<p>Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances</p>	
<p>City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, comp plan, charter</p>	
<p>Council Meeting Date May 13, 2105</p>	

AGENDA

TIME CERTAIN
Start time: 3:30

Total amount of time needed: 1 hour
 (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

CONSENT

REGULAR
Total amount of time needed: _____
 (for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	2. Fish	✓	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	✓	
4. Novick	4. Novick	✓	
Hales	Hales	✓	